

To: Eric P. Newman

From: Tom Serfass

Date: 29 August 2000

Re: Banking exhibit

John Hoover asked to borrow several items for the October Banking exhibit to honor Ruth Bryant. He is interested in early banknotes especially something from the Bank of Missouri and Bank of St. Louis. Also the private bankers Page and Bacon because of their connection to the Mercantile Library. Perhaps some early Federal Reserve Notes from St. Louis. I also thought a Bank of the US counterfeit on the St. Louis Branch might be fun as well as maybe a Cincinnati Commercial Bank (agency) branch at St. Louis, and anything else. Maybe you should speak with John about how many notes, which ones etc. Maybe a couple of river boat notes but the event is for bankers and it is an effort to show the synergy between our collection and Mercantile Library. Do we have any early Boatmen's notes? Can we exhibit them. John assured me they were going to secure the exhibit well.

John was also asking about coin banks or other banking related items from any area bank. He was also interested in images of and from banks, in particular the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. I didn't mention anything yet but I was thinking maybe the counterfeit detecting kit we had on exhibit or the new counterfeit detecting glass we recently acquired might be nice. If I offer John a counterfeit detector book for display should I offer the reprint or one of the real ones?

I already gave him a spare of the Thomas Nast Devil poster and a copy of one of the Salesmen's sample sheets of the bank note devices. Any other ideas are certainly welcome. The list of bankers involved is pretty extensive and inclusive (sorry to report T. Jacobsen is among them, oh, well). Let me know your thoughts and if you prefer to have me speak with John on a more extensive basis I will be happy to, but you know more of what might be most appropriate for both you and the Mercantile.

The banking exhibition begins October 27th as I'm sure you know.

Thanks,

Tom

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Michael Pfefferkorn (Tel 832-6462) has the keys to the storage space at Grand and Dekor streets. There are two locked spaces very close together. He says there are 40 boxes of books belonging to us. There is a dolly or so but he says the boxes are large and hard to lift. Repacking them can be a nuisance but if you wish to bring smaller boxes when you pick up a load you can. It will involve perhaps 5 trip if 8 boxes are one load.

Pfefferkorn works weekdays till about 5 PM but can leave early. He will meet you late afternoon weekdays and any time on Saturdays or Sundays by prior arrangement. Call him and arrange it.

I have the STL County library printout which he had. None of the books in storage are on it. He won't give us the keys because he wants to be there. He says Mo Num Soc has the combination cases there.

Please do this at earliest convenience

Also Russell Vogelstein

Tel 394 6619

has keys and
will meet you

Eric